

Table S-1. Primary education and employment status, and median salary of science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by major field of degree: April 1999

Major field of 1997-98 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Primary education and employment status				Median salary for full-time employed ²
		Full-time student	Not full-time student			
			Employed in science and engineering ¹	Employed in other occupation	Not employed & not full-time student	
All science and engineering fields.....	743,400	165,500	161,900	377,300	38,800	\$30,000
Total science.....	628,800	150,800	83,100	359,300	35,500	27,900
Computer and information sciences.....	46,000	S	27,000	15,100	S	44,000
Life and related sciences, total.....	164,000	54,300	20,900	79,100	9,800	25,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	15,700	3,200	S	10,000	S	26,500
Biological sciences.....	134,900	48,800	16,200	62,000	7,800	25,000
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	13,500	2,300	3,000	7,100	S	26,000
Mathematical and related sciences.....	23,700	4,800	3,900	13,900	S	30,000
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,500	12,600	11,100	11,900	1,000	28,500
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	7,900	6,300	5,500	S	28,500
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	8,700	1,900	2,500	4,000	S	26,000
Physics and astronomy.....	7,200	2,600	2,200	2,200	S	35,400
Other physical sciences.....	600	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	146,700	34,400	7,300	95,200	9,800	25,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	211,800	42,400	13,000	144,100	12,300	27,900
Economics.....	32,700	4,900	3,300	22,600	S	35,000
Political science and related sciences.....	71,700	20,500	4,100	42,300	4,700	29,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	69,500	11,700	S	51,600	S	24,500
Other social sciences.....	37,900	5,300	S	27,600	2,800	26,000
Total engineering.....	114,600	14,600	78,700	18,000	3,300	42,500
Aerospace and related engineering.....	2,400	500	1,300	500	S	41,000
Chemical engineering.....	12,400	1,900	8,500	1,600	S	45,000
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,200	2,500	14,200	2,800	S	37,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	34,200	4,000	25,500	4,200	S	46,000
Industrial engineering.....	6,000	400	3,700	1,500	S	41,000
Mechanical engineering.....	26,300	2,600	18,500	4,600	S	43,000
Other engineering.....	13,200	2,700	7,200	2,800	S	40,000

¹ Science and engineering occupations include postsecondary educators. For more details, see technical notes.

² Salary data are for principal jobs only. Full-time employed are those working at least 35 hours per week at their principal job. Self-employed persons and full-time students are excluded from salary data.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999